

INFORMATION FOR THE THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT OF FY 1955

During the third quarter of FY 1955 the contributing agencies continued to produce at the higher rate reached during the preceding quarter, and production thus far in this fiscal year is at approximately the same level as last year for the same period. Prospects for increased production during the final quarter are good, and it is expected that total production for this year will approximate last year's production which met, substantially, the production goal established by the JCS.

D/B continued to maintain the NIS workload on a current basis during the third quarter, and at the end of this quarter the workload at the Special Unit, GPO, had been reduced to a near normal level.

The study to determine whether utilization of newly developed techniques for printing of the NIS Gazetteers would result in improvement in this element was completed during this quarter, and changes resulting from this study are now being made which are expected to save approximately \$15,000 annually in production costs, with reduction in size, and improvement in format of this element.

Revision of the NIS Outline Guide for Chapters IV (Sociological), V (Political), and VI (Economic) was undertaken during this quarter with the view of expanding coverage in these elements to fulfill USIA requirements and other psychological warfare requirements of the Government.

Continued emphasis is being given to the maintenance aspects of the program, and an increase in field reports containing data for incorporation in revision of published NIS has been particularly noticeable during this past quarter. Awareness by field personnel of the importance of this maintenance aspect of the program has become increasingly apparent throughout this year.